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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed August 7, 2006 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from September 7, 2006 to October 7, 2006.

Applicants note that inasmuch as October 7, 2006 falls on a Saturday, and Monday, October 9, 2006 is a federal holiday, the response is actually due on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

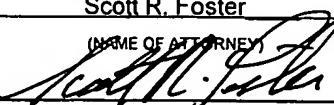
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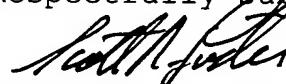
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